

## Income differences by age are due in part to marital status differences

In every successively older age group, median income is lower. The striking differences by age shown in the chart on page 5 are due in part to the disproportionate number of nonmarried women in older age groups. The table below shows that in every age group, nonmarried women have a lower median income than nonmarried men or married couples. It also shows that nonmarried women far outnumber the others in the older age groups.

Median income and percent of units, by age, sex, and marital status

Sex and marital status	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85 or older
Median income					
Married couples .....	\$32,988	\$27,880	\$24,655	\$24,633	\$23,373
Nonmarried men.....	15,101	14,313	14,106	13,025	10,928
Nonmarried women ...	11,630	11,325	10,294	10,171	9,417
Percent of units					
Total number (in thousands) .....	6,681	6,286	5,317	3,555	2,713
Total percent .....	100	100	100	100	100
Married couples .....	51	45	36	30	17
Nonmarried men.....	14	15	15	16	20
Nonmarried women ...	35	40	49	54	63

Median income, by age

